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SUBJECT: EXCHANGES: VISAS FOR PROPOSED ITT FELLOWS AT RIYADH
UNIVERSITY

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1. POST GREATLY APPRECIATES DESK OFFICER'S ATTEMPT TO FACILITATE ISSUANCE OF CORRECT VISA TO ITT FELLOWS AS REPORTED IN STATE REFTEL. YOUR LACK OF SUCCESS IS NOT SURPRISING SINCE APPARENTLY SAG HAS NO VISA THAT WILL ALLOW STUDENTS COMING INTO KINGDOM TO READILY OBTAIN BOTH A RESIDENCE PERMIT AND A MULTIPLE EXIT AND RE-ENTRY VISAS AFTER THEY HAVE ENTERED THE COUNTRY. WE HAD HOPED TO ESTABLISH A PRECEDENT THAT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO THIS YEAR'S ITT FELLOWS AND IN THE FUTURE AS MORE US STUDENTS EXPRESS AN INTEREST IN STUDYING IN THE KINGDOM. WE HAVE NOT BEEN SUCCESSFUL.

2. IN THE INTEREST OF NOT FURTHER IMPEDING STUDENTS ARRIVAL AND IMPERILING THEIR ITT FELLOWSHIP STATUS, POST MUST NOW REGRETFULLY REQUEST DEPARTMENT TO NOTIFY TACKMAN OF IIE NEW YORK TO ALLOW SAUDI CONSUL IN NEW YORK TO PROCEED IN ISSUANCE OF VISAS TO ITT FELLOWS SCHRODER AND CROSBY AND MRS. CROSBY. WE ARE HOPEFUL THAT CONGEN NEW YORK WILL BE WILLING TO GRANT THEM VISAS QUOTE FOR STUDY UNQUOTE WHICH SAUDI CONSUL WHO TALKED TO DESK OFFICER INDICATED WAS POSSIBLE. THIS TYPE VISA IS MORE PREFERABLE TO US THAN THE VISITORS VISA (ZIYAARA) WHICH TACKMAN IN
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COMMERCIAL INQUIRY TO US REPORTED AS BEING THE ONLY

VISA THE SAUDI CONGEN IN NEW YORK WOULD ISSUE THE STUDENTS. PERHAPS DESK OFFICER COULD OFFER FINAL ASSISTANCE BY INSURING THAT A VISA QUOTE FOR STUDY UNQUOTE IS THE ONE GIVEN THE STUDENTS BY SAUDI CONGEN NEW YORK, AND NOT THE ZIYAARA.

3. PLEASE ADVISE US OF STUDENTS ETA SO WE MAY WELCOME THEM PROPERLY AFTER THIS LONG DELAY. ALTHOUGH WE ARE AWARE OF THE DIFFICULTIES AHEAD IN GETTING THEM A RESIDENCE PERMIT UPON ARRIVAL AND IN ATTEMPTING OBTAIN MULTIPLE ENTRY AND RE-ENTRY VISAS SO THEY CAN TRAVEL IN AREA AFTER ARRIVAL, WE ARE HOPEFUL OF EVENTUAL SUCCESS SINCE ARAB LANGUAGE INSTITUTE AT UNIVERSITY OF RIYADH HAS PROMISED TO ADD ITS ASSISTANCE TO OURS.
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